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1. BILL LUERS AND JOHN GRONOUSKI ON MARCH 10 DISCUSSED, AMONG OTHER ISSUES, OUR RESPONSE TO THE POLISH DEMARCHE ON RFE. WE HAVE A COPY OF BIB'S DRAFT REPLY FOR OUR REVIEW. IT WILL CONTAIN AN OFFER OF A RIGHT OF REPLY. GRONOUSKI ALSO WANTS THE BIB BOARD TO REVIEW THE DRAFT RESPONSE. WHEN THE BOARD HAS APPROVED IT, WE WILL CABLE IT FOR YOU TO CONVEY TO THE MFA. HOWEVER, IT MAY BE ANOTHER WEEK OR TWO.

2. DR. ALEXANDER HARASZTI, OF BILLY GRAHAM'S OFFICE TELEPHONED ON MARCH 10 TO CONFIRM THAT GRAHAM WILL VISIT POLAND BY INVITATION EITHER THE SECOND HALF OF JUNE OR IN SEPTEMBER. HARASZTI HAD VISITED US A COUPLE DAYS BEFORE
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TO DISCUSS THE TRIP. HE HAD VISITED WARSAW LAST JANUARY AND DISCUSSED THE MATTER WITH TADEUSZ DUSIK OF MINISTER KAKOL'S OFFICE.

3. HARASZTI AND DR. WALTER H. SMYTH, VICE PRESIDENT OF BILLY GRAHAM'S EVANGELISTIC ASSOCIATION, WILL VISIT POLAND APRIL 7-12 TO COORDINATE THE PLANS. THEY WILL MEET

WITH SOMEONE AT THE OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS (THEY HOPE KAKOL HIMSELF.) AND WITH OFFICIALS OF THE POLISH BAPTIST UNION, THE ECUMENICAL COUNCIL, AND A LEADING BISHOP OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH. ADDITIONALLY, THEY WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH YOU OR SOMEONE ELSE AT THE EMBASSY.

4. PROFESSOR RICHARD FARKAS OF DE PAUL UNIVERSITY, CHICAGO, WILL VISIT WARSAW MARCH 14-18 WITH A GROUP OF 26 LAW STUDENTS, MBA'S AND OTHERS. THEY HAVE ARRANGED MEETINGS AT THE INSTITUTE OF PENAL LAW, THE POLICY PLANNING OFFICE OF THE MFA, AND THE INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF CAPITALISM (PASTUSIAK'S OUTFIT). THEY WILL CCALL THE EMBASSY TUESDAY IN HOPES A BRIEFING COULD BE ARRANGED FOR THEM, PROBABLY FOR LATER IN THE WEEK.

5. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION YOU HAVE ABOUT THE STATUS OF DISSIDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN DETAINED RECENTLY. INR IS KEEPING TABS ON THESE THINGS. WE KNOW THAT MICHNIK AND KURON WERE RELEASED, BUT INR TELLS US THEY HAVE SEEN NO WIRE SERVICE REPORTS ABOUT EIGHT UNIVERSITY STUDENTS ARRESTED IN WROCLAW AND TWO IN GDANSK IN CONNECTION WITH FLYING UNIVERSITY ACTIVITIES. WE ASSUME THEY HAVE ALL BEEN RELEASED, BECAUSE WE UNDERSTAND THE REGIME IS TRYING TO ADHERE TO THE 48-HOUR RULE, BUT WE WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION.
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6. YOUR DESIRE TO BE INFORMED OF VISITS BY JUSTICE OFFICIALS (WARSAW 1963) IS WELL TAKEN. WE WERE UNAWARE OF ANY SUCH VISITS AND WILL TAKE THIS UP WITH MENDELSON'S OFFICE.

7. YOUR DEMARCHE ON FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT WAS SUPERB (WARSAW 1972) AND WE CONCUR WITH YOUR COMMENT. UNFORTUNATELY, THE DEPUTY SECRETARY DID NOT RAISE THIS SUBJECT WHEN SPASOWSKI CALLED ON HIM MARCH 9. WE HAVE LEARNED FROM HIS STAFF THAT IT WAS AN OVERSIGHT. HE ACTUALLY LEFT A MEETING ON THE SOMALIA CRISIS TO RECEIVE SPASOWSKI AND WAS UNDERSTANDABLY PREOCCUPIED.

8. OTHERWISE, SPASOWSKI'S CALL WENT VERY WELL. SPASOWSKI IS NOW AN APPOINTED AMBASSADOR AND CAN ACT IN EVERY WAY AS THOUGH HE HAD PRESENTED HIS CREDENTIALS. UNFORTUNATELY, THOUGH, IT LOOKS LIKE SPASOWSKI WILL NOT SEE THE PRESIDENT UNTIL HE RETURNS IN EARLY APRIL FROM HIS NEXT FOREIGN TRIP.

9. DR. BRZEZINSKI MENTIONED TO AMBASSADOR SCHAUFLE THE

POSSIBILITY OF HAVING HEW SECRETARY CALIFANO GO TO
POLAND NEXT NOVEMBER FOR THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

(WARSAW 810). THIS WOULD PROBABLY PRECLUDE AN EARLIER
VISIT BY CALIFANO. WE ARE TRYING TO SORT THIS OUT WITH
THE NSC.

10. POLISH AMERICAN CONGRESS PRESIDENT MAZEWSKI IN A
DISCUSSION WITH AMBASSADOR SCHAUFELLE MARCH 3 IN CHICAGO
VOLUNTEERED THAT THERE WOULD BE A "REVOLUTION" HERE IF
WASHINGTON EVER TRIED TO RETURN PADEREWSKI'S REMAINS TO
POLAND AS IT HAD DONE WITH THE HUNGARIAN CROWN.
ACCORDINGLY, WE DOUBT THAT THE IDEA BROACHED BY PROFESSOR
DROZDOWSKI (WARSAW 810) WILL GO FAR, BUT WE ARE INTERESTED
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TO KNOW WHAT PLANS THE POLES MAY DEVELOP FOR CELEBRATING
THIS 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF POLISH STATEHOOD. IN PARTICULAR,
WE NOTE AN UNFORTUNATE CONFLUENCE OF DATES IN THAT THE ONE
THEY SELECT COINCIDES WITH THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOLSHE-
VIK REVOLUTION.

11. POSSIBLE HASC CODEL. THANKS FOR YOUR PROMPT AND
STALWART REPLY ON THE HOUSE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE
CODEL. LATEST READING IS THAT IT LOOKS QUITE UNLIKELY
THAT CODEL WILL WANT TO STOP ANYWHERE IN EASTERN EUROPE.
WE'LL KEEP YOU POSTED. VANCE

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